NONREFUNDABLE \$25.00

HOW TO FILE FOR A GUARDIANSHIP

Use this packet to ask the court to appoint a guardian for an adult or child. This packet is <u>not</u> for non-parental custody of a child.

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These instructions are for guardianship actions filed in Thurston County Superior Court.

Use the forms and instructions in this packet ONLY if the following factors apply to your situation:

- You need a guardianship over someone unable to provide for their own needs and who are unable to manage their personal or financial affairs.
- You need a guardianship for a minor child because:
 - o Both of the child's parents are deceased or incapacitated.
 - The child is due to receive a money from a settlement over \$25,000; or
 - The child is going to receive an inheritance or money from life insurance.

WARNING: These instructions are not a substitute for legal advice. The laws and court rules are complex and following these instructions will <u>not</u> guarantee you a favorable result. It is always advisable to talk to a lawyer about your problem before filing your action. (You may be able to hire a lawyer for a small fee to review your completed forms and talk about your problem but not to represent you in court.)

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